

Vacancy Details

Links: 03-09
Date: 1/12/2009
Closing Date: 2/13/2009
Command & Location: MSC HQ (WNY)
Grade: YA-02/03 (comparable to GS-12-15 pay)
Type: Procurement/Fiscal/Litigation

There are multiple anticipated vacancies for attorneys to serve as Assistant Counsel, Headquarters, Military Sealift Command, Washington DC. The Military Sealift Command (MSC) is a major Navy Command and a component of the joint service U.S. Transportation Command. MSC is responsible for a variety of missions, including providing strategic sealift for the Department of Defense, direct fleet support to the Navy combatant fleet, and conducting special missions involving the operation of ships for Department of Defense components. MSC is unique in that it is both a fleet operational agency and a procurement activity. MSC operates a fleet of approximately 140 Government-owned and privately-owned Government chartered ships consisting of dry cargo vessels, tankers, naval auxiliary ships, and special project ships. MSC's Government-owned ships are operated either by civil service mariners or contract operators who employ private sector mariners. For additional information on MSC and the Counsel for the Military Sealift Command, go to www.msc.navy.mil/.

The primary focus of these positions will be procurement law, fiscal law and related litigation. In addition, attorneys in these positions will be responsible, under the supervision and guidance of more senior attorneys, for providing legal advice to the Commander, MSC, to subordinate commands, and other MSC personnel in all areas of OGC practice including: procurement law; related contract claims; bid protest litigation; fiscal law; legislative initiatives (including the drafting and coordination of legislative proposals); ethics; Standards of Conduct; civilian personnel law; maritime law; and international and operational law issues as they relate to MSC ships and personnel. Attorneys serving in these positions will also be called upon, from time to time, to provide advice to the command on JAG manual investigations relating to MSC owned and chartered vessels.

This position will be filled under the National Security Personnel System, which is a pay for performance system using pay bands with salary ranges. This position will be filled in the Standard Career Group YA-02, 03 pay band (comparable to GS- 12/13/14 pay), with promotion potential to the YA-03 (comparable to GS-15 pay). To be eligible for selection at the YA-02, the applicant must have a minimum of 1 year legal experience in any of the areas of practice identified above. To be eligible for selection at the YA-03, the applicant must have a minimum of three and a half years of legal experience in any of the areas of practice identified above. Pay will be set commensurate with the successful applicant's qualifications, funding availability, and NSPS pay setting guidelines. For more information on NSPS, please visit: <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/issuances.html>.

Applicants will be evaluated on 1) their experience in the areas of procurement law, fiscal law, or litigation; 2) their written and oral communication skills; 3) their ability to work well with military and civilian clients and to develop strong attorney-client relations; and 4) their experience in another area of OGC practice such as civilian personnel law, administrative law, standards of conduct, FOIA and environmental law are also considered beneficial. Familiarity with or understanding of the Department of the Navy, Navy OGC, and/or MSC is preferable.

The successful candidate must be a U.S. citizen, have graduated from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, be an active member in good standing of the bar (any U.S. jurisdiction), be admitted to practice before a state or federal court, and be eligible to obtain and

maintain a Secret security clearance.

Interested attorneys may contact Mr. Alan Mendelsohn, Deputy Counsel, MSC at (202) 685-5160/5163.

Applicants should submit to their SF-171, OF-612, or resume; two short legal writing samples; two most recent performance appraisals (if available); and the names and telephone numbers of at least three references (other than current supervisors) who may be contacted. Attorneys who have graduated from law school after 2003 must provide a copy of their law school transcripts including class rank by email to alan.mendelsohn@navy.mil.

This personnel notice will close on February 13, 2009, and applications must be received by that date to be considered.

If the successful applicant is not a current member of the Navy Office of General Counsel, processing of the hiring action can only commence after submission of those items identified in the "Instructions for New OGC Attorneys" (see Careers section of <http://www.ogc.navy.mil>).

Relocation expenses will not be paid.

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Department of the Navy attorney positions are in the excepted service, not the competitive civil service. There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of the Navy considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. If you are eligible for veterans' preference in hiring, you are encouraged to include that information in your application along with the supporting documentation, e.g., DD 214. Not all veterans are eligible for veterans' preference.

To find out if you are, you may visit the Veterans' Preference Advisor, operated by the Department of Labor at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vets/vetpref/vetspref.htm>.